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Pennsylvania’s Employment Situation: February 2011

Harrisburg – Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 8.0 percent in February, down from a revised rate of 8.3 percent in January 2011.

February’s decline was eight-tenths of a percentage point from February 2010, the largest over-the-year decline since February 1995.

Pennsylvania’s seasonally adjusted civilian labor force – the number of people working or looking for work – was up 16,000 in February to 6,362,000. Resident employment rose by 30,000 to 5,851,000 while the number of unemployed residents fell 14,000 to 511,000, its lowest level since April 2009. Pennsylvania’s labor force was up 4,000 from its February 2010 level.

Seasonally adjusted total nonfarm jobs in Pennsylvania increased 23,700 from January to 5,674,100, the highest level in two years. Nine of the eleven supersectors added jobs in February, with the largest increase in Education & Health Services, which was up 11,500 to 1,156,400. For the second month in a row, all goods-producing supersectors added jobs. Mining & Logging increased for the twenty-first consecutive month, up 600 in February to 30,000, the highest level since 1990.

Pennsylvania’s job count was up 106,800 (1.9 percent) from February 2010; nationally, nonfarm jobs were up 1,269,000 (1.0 percent) from last year.

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Editor’s Note: A breakdown of Pennsylvania’s employment statistics follows:

Current Labor Force Statistics
Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	Change from January 2011		Change from February 2010	
				<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>	<i>volume</i>	<i>percent</i>
PA							
Civilian Labor Force	6,362	6,346	6,358	16	0.3%	4	0.1%
Employment	5,851	5,821	5,797	30	0.5%	54	0.9%
Unemployment	511	525	560	-14	-2.7%	-49	-8.8%
Rate	8.0	8.3	8.8	-0.3	----	-0.8	----
U.S.							
Civilian Labor Force	153,246	153,186	153,558	60	0.0%	-312	-0.2%
Employment	139,573	139,323	138,698	250	0.2%	875	0.6%
Unemployment	13,673	13,863	14,860	-190	-1.4%	-1,187	-8.0%
Rate	8.9	9.0	9.7	-0.1	----	-0.8	----

Pennsylvania Nonagricultural Wage and Salary Employment
Seasonally Adjusted
(in thousands)

	February 2011	January 2011	February 2010	Change from January 2011		Change from February 2010	
				volume	percent	volume	percent
Total Nonfarm Jobs	5,674.1	5,650.4	5,567.3	23.7	0.4%	106.8	1.9%
Goods Producing Industries	824.0	819.1	792.0	4.9	0.6%	32.0	4.0%
Mining & Logging	30.0	29.4	23.9	0.6	2.0%	6.1	25.5%
Construction	225.1	222.2	210.8	2.9	1.3%	14.3	6.8%
Manufacturing	568.9	567.5	557.3	1.4	0.2%	11.6	2.1%
Service Providing Industries	4,850.1	4,831.3	4,775.3	18.8	0.4%	74.8	1.6%
Trade, Transportation & Utilities	1,087.4	1,084.3	1,069.8	3.1	0.3%	17.6	1.6%
Information	92.7	92.4	94.0	0.3	0.3%	-1.3	-1.4%
Financial Activities	313.0	311.9	312.9	1.1	0.4%	0.1	0.0%
Professional & Business Services	691.8	694.2	678.6	-2.4	-0.3%	13.2	1.9%
Education & Health Services	1,156.4	1,144.9	1,124.6	11.5	1.0%	31.8	2.8%
Leisure & Hospitality	504.2	504.2	491.9	0.0	0.0%	12.3	2.5%
Other Services	253.5	250.8	248.4	2.7	1.1%	5.1	2.1%
Government	751.1	748.6	755.1	2.5	0.3%	-4.0	-0.5%

For a more detailed breakdown of seasonally adjusted jobs data at the sector level, please contact the Center for Workforce Information & Analysis at 1-877-4WF-DATA, or visit www.paworkstats.state.pa.us

Note: March 2011 labor force and nonfarm jobs statistics will be released April 14, 2011.

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